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# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 17, 1977

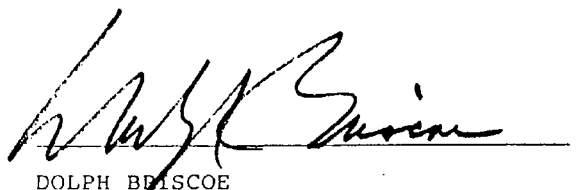
As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of S.B. 1182 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

I disapprove of Senate Bill No. 1182, which relates to the prohibition of the use of criminal convictions by state licensing agencies to suspend, revoke, or deny an occupational license, for the following reasons:

It is a common requirement in most of the state's occupational licensing statutes that "good moral character" be exhibited by a licensee or an applicant for a license. This type of requirement leaves discretion with a state licensing agency to decide to whom a license should be issued and when to suspend or revoke a license.

The flexibility that this type of requirement creates in the state's licensing procedures is preferable to the automatic rule established in Senate Bill No. 1182 and based on limited, enumerated criteria. Each state licensing agency must have flexibility to consider each particular set of circumstances surrounding the licensing of an individual.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, this 17th day of June, 1977.



DOLPH BRISCOE  
Governor of Texas

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MARK WHITE  
Secretary of State